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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed as part of the national stage entry of PCT application EP2004/009548, which was filed on 26 August 2004, which is in turn based on German application 103 40 206.3-24, dated 01 September 2003. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 25 total and 2 independent claims. A verified translation is provided herewith, and a substitute specification under 37 CFR §1.125 is provided, along with a marked-up copy of the translation. Please charge Deposit Account 15-0450 for any fee deficiency.

This response is made under the revised 37 CFR 1.121.

The response has the following parts:

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Amendments to the Claims – beginning on page 3;

Amendments to the Drawings – a clean copy of formal drawings are provided herewith.; and

Remarks – beginning on page 8.